

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION  
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ReBulet to Charlotte dated 6/13/75.

In an effort to develop additional information concerning the theft of the report of SA ZACHARY T. LOWE dated 3/26/73, continuous contact has been maintained with logical sources without developing any significant data. The only outstanding investigation remaining involves the interview of [REDACTED] The Bureau is in receipt of all pertinent background.

Charlotte has considered interviewing HOWARD CARR, reporter for the Winston-Salem Journal, and also contacting the publisher and managing editor for this newspaper. However, it is believed that this could result in possible embarrassment to the Bureau as well as further publication of this entire matter. In addition, these newspaper officials might seriously question our interest in view of the time lapse. Further, since the Winston-Salem Journal has shown a policy of partiality in their articles dealing with the Black Panther Party (BPP) local chapter, this might well serve as an opportunity to show FBI harassment of the BPP.

Since this article involving SA LOWE's report was published in February, 1975, the Winston-Salem Journal has given the FBI some favorable publicity and to date there have been no unfavorable articles. Attempts are continuing to cultivate this newspaper in order to develop a more advantageous position with regard to the FBI which, if successful, would preclude any future publication of FBI documents. Further, since it is questionable that information developed from this newspaper may prove useful in any prosecution of the theft of government property, Charlotte is not recommending any direct approach with either the reporter or newspaper officials.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

ReCEairtel 2/14/75.

Reairtel stated that information from Charlotte report of SA Zachary T. Lowe dated 2/26/73 captioned "Charles Ray Zollicoffer, aka, EM-BPP," appeared in an article in the 2/14/75 issue of the "Winston-Salem Journal," a Winston-Salem, North Carolina, daily newspaper. The article written by Howard Carr, states that the FBI file was recently made available to the Journal.

Reairtel did not contain your recommendations as to action to be taken as a result of the "Winston-Salem Journal" acquiring access to this report.

Immediately furnish FBIHQ with your recommendations in this regard. Include identities and results of indices checks regarding the "Winston-Salem Journal's" editor; publisher; and Carr. Also, include assessment of current relations between your office and the "Winston-Salem Journal."

Bureau files contain no references to Howard Carr; however, one [REDACTED] requested information on the Bureau's Top Ten fugitive program by letter in 8/72.

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Copies of Special Agent LOWE's report were thereafter disseminated to appropriate interested Federal agencies. (1)

In the February 14, 1975, edition of The Winston-Salem Journal, a local newspaper published in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, appeared an article written by Staff Reporter HOWARD CARR and entitled, "FBI Still Hovers Over Panthers, Members Regarded as Possible Security Risks." CARR reported in the article that an FBI report dated February 26, 1973, on CHARLES ZOLLICOFFER, a member of the BPP, and written by ZACHARY T. LOWE, an Agent in the FBI's Winston-Salem Office, had been recently made available to the Journal and that the report contained information furnished by three informants. CARR also reported that the FBI file provided information concerning CHARLES RAY ZOLLICOFFER's age, marital status, brothers' criminal records, and other pertinent information. (1)

On [REDACTED] advised that the February 26, 1973, report of Special Agent LOWE, referred to in the February 14, 1975, newspaper article, had been furnished to the newspaper reporter by unknown individuals associated with the BPP and that the report had been obtained while an unnamed individual or individuals were reviewing certain undisclosed records. CE T-1 advised that it was unknown whether or not the report was the actual report available in the undisclosed records or a copy of that report.

On [REDACTED] advised that BPP members at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, had made the report of Special Agent LOWE available to The Winston-Salem Journal. (1)

On [REDACTED] advised that CHARLES RAY ZOLLICOFFER appeared to be the most knowledgeable BPP member concerning the report of Special Agent LOWE, and it was apparent from comments made by CHARLES RAY ZOLLICOFFER that he had seen the report and/or had the report in his possession.

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Date: 3/4/75

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-6171)  
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ReBuAirtel 2/27/75.

Enclosed is a copy of an article captioned, "Hoover Would Have Been Proud" which appeared in the Winston-Salem Journal on 2/16/75, and a copy of Director KELLEY's letter to Mr. JOE DOSTER, Managing Editor, Winston-Salem Journal, dated 2/27/75.

For the information of FBIHQ, Mr. CHARLES W. CROWDER is Vice President, General Manager, and Publisher, and Mr. JOE DOSTER is Managing Editor of the Winston-Salem Journal. Charlotte indices contain no record for either Mr. CROWDER or Mr. DOSTER. Charlotte indices contain no references identifiable with HOWARD CARR, author of the article captioned, "FBI Still Hovers Over Panthers", which appeared in the 2/14 issue of that newspaper. There is one reference in Charlotte files concerning a [REDACTED] who requested information concerning our Top Ten Fugitive Program by letter dated 8/25/72 at the time he was a student at the [REDACTED]. At the present time Charlotte enjoys cordial relations with this newspaper and a good working relationship exists with several of the staff reporters. Charlotte has not had occasion to contact the management level of this newspaper and our rapport on this level is unknown. BFC-71

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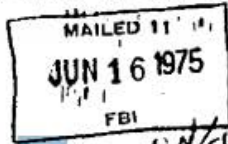
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Enclosed for Charlotte are copies of documents from the files of the United States Army Crime Records Directorate (USACRD), and Defense Investigative Service (DIS), Fort Holabird, Maryland. From review of Baltimore airtel it may be seen that further efforts to substantiate dissemination or reproduction of the FBI report on Charles Zollicoffer maintained by the Army would not be productive. According to officials at Fort Meade, [REDACTED] would at no time have authority to review investigative records concerning himself and investigative reports such as those enclosed would not be placed in personnel records which accompany him to various duty stations.

In the interim you should complete any pending investigation underway in this matter and consider the following prior to presentation of the possible theft of Government property matter to the United States Attorney: Although reporter Howard Carr of the Winston-Salem Journal, in order

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